चेक पास

9. लाइसेंसधारी भारिकों को चेक पास.

10. रेल मंत्री/रेल राज्य मंत्री के स्वविवेक पर चेक पास.

(घ) प्रत्येक मामले के गुणावगुण के आधार पर स्वविवेक की शक्तियों का सावधानी पूर्वक उपयोग किया जाता है।

Concessional Travel Facility for artists

1228. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering provision of concessional travel facility for artists available up to first class to be modified for including AC-2 tier and AC-3 tier and also in view of the fact that many senior and renowned musicians find it difficult to travel in long distance during the acute summer; and

(b) if so, by when the formalities would be completed for issuing orders?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Stoppage Time of Shatabdi Express at Chandigarh

1229. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the maximum passenger traffic of shatabdi Express Trains is from Chandigarh; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for reducing stoppage timings of the above train from 15 minutes to 8 minutes at this station?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) From August' 97 Time table, the duration of stoppage of 2005 Kalka Shatabdi Express at Chandigarh is being increased from 6 to 8 minutes. Stoppage of Kalka Shatabdi Express at Chandigarh from 8 minutes in both the directions is considered adequate for entraining/ detraining of passengers.

रेलवे का विद्युतीकरण किया जाना

1230. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार द्वारा रेलवे के विद्युतीकरण की एक विस्तृत योजना बनाई गयी है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा रेलवे के वर्तमान नेटवर्क के कितने प्रतिशत खण्ड का विद्युतीकरण करने का निश्चय किया जाना है;

(ग) क्या इस विद्युतीकरण के लिए कोई समयबद्ध योजना बनायी गयी है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो विद्युतीकरण के विस्तार का वार्षिक लक्ष्य क्या है;

(ङ) क्या रेलवे के विद्युतीकरण के कारण रेलगाड़ियों को चलाने पर आने वाले व्यय के कम होने की संभावना है; और

(च) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में अनुमानित व्यय कितना है?

रेल मंत्री (**श्री राम विलास पासवान**): (क) जी हां।

(ख) और (ग) नौवीं योजना के दौरान 2300 मार्ग किलोमीटर को विद्युतीकृत करने की योजना है जो देश के कुल नेटवर्क का 3.66% है।

(घ) नौवीं योजना के दौरान विद्युतीकरण का वार्षिक लक्ष्य इस प्रकार है।

1997-98	500 कि०मी०
1998-99	450 कि०मी०
1999-2000	450 कि०मी०
2000-2001	450 कि०मी०
2001-2002	450 कि०मी०

(ङ) और (च) जी हां। वर्ष 1994-95 के लिए बड़ी लाइन पर प्रति 1000 सकल टन किमी

डीजल तथा विद्युत कर्षण की तुलनात्मक चालन लागत (नवीनतम उपलब्धता) इस प्रकार है:-

	यात्री	माल
डीजल	99.58 रु०	65.51 रु०
बिजली	94.33 रु०	52.37 रु०

विद्युतीकरण के कारण परिचालन की लागत में नीचे दी गई प्रतिशत कमी होने का अनुमान है:-

यात्री — 5.57

माल — 25.09

MRTS Phase-I project between Chepauk and Tirumailai

1231. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work from Chepauk to Tirumailai under MRTS Phase-I project has been completed and ready for operation of train services between these sectors and that the Sourthern Railway authorities have requested the Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS) to inspect the track laid from Chepauk to Tirumailai;

(b) if so, whether the C.R.S. have given its approval;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the project under MRTS Phase-I is running behind schedule due to paucity of funds; and

(e) if so, what action has been taken by the Ministry to release requisite funds to Southern Railway to complete this project?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir. However, some works at stations are yet to be completed?

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Defective consignment of Rails supplied by SAIL

1232. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a huge consignment of rails supplied by SAIL was found to be defective;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the matter has been taken up with the Steel Authority of India Limited; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir. It is a fact that some consignments of rails supplied by SAIL/ Bhilai Steel Plant (BSP) were found defective.

(b) The details are as under:

i) Fractures in rails were first detected on 28-1-97 at Kalyan. These rails were manufactured at BSP on 18-1-97.

(ii) Defects in rails occurred due to overstressing of the same during straightening process at manufacturing stage.

(iii) Rails produced at BSP between 1-1-97 to 28-1-97 have been treated as 'Suspect Rails' & not accepted by Railways for use in track.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The matter has been taken up with SAIL at the highest level. A time bound programme has been finalised by the Ministry of Steel for providing required inputs for improvment of quality of rails produced at BSP.

Trend of investment in the Railways Sector

1233. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the trend of investment in the Railway sector since 1995-96;